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Date: 31/01/78 By: 008INTRODUCTION

The Office of Training summary this week includes a reference to the appointment of a working group on assessment of agents, a notice of new courses and revisions, and news on the Junior Officer Training Program.

WORKING GROUP ON ASSESSMENT OF AGENTS

Representatives of the Office of Training and the Technical Services Staff, DD/P, met on 29 September 1955 to consider means by which the case officer may improve his assessment and evaluation of agents. Recognition was given to the fact that it is frequently impossible for the case officer to receive the assistance of professional psychologists or other specialists. The consensus was that assessment and evaluation techniques do exist, other than those employed by psychologists, which may be entirely suitable for field use by the case officer. It was decided to establish a working group to identify and validate such techniques. This group will include memberships from the Clandestine Services, OTR and TSS. Research and experimentation will be conducted under the direction and supervision of Chief, TSS.

NEW COURSES AND REVISIONS

1. OTR has announced country and regional survey courses on [REDACTED], the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. These courses are designed to meet the needs of the Agency Intelligence Officer traveling or residing overseas. OTR has also scheduled a series of 11 lectures in English on the USSR during October, November and December. These lectures, open to all members of CIA, will discuss the social, political, economic, and cultural aspects of Soviet life.

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2. The largest and most diversified group to attend Basic Orientation completed the course on Friday, 23 September. Three new experimental elements were introduced in this course: two additional discussions of the American Thesis and a demonstration of a Communist-front group in action.

JUNIOR OFFICER TRAINING PROGRAM

1. Testing candidates for the JOT Program begins this fall in some thirty field centers. Field testing will aid in the selection of candidates to be brought to Headquarters for pre-employment interview and medical examination.

2. JOT [REDACTED] was graduated from the Air Force Officer Candidate School at Lackland Air Force Base as first among the Distinguished Graduates. He also received the Reserve Officers Association Award for the outstanding graduate in the Air Force OCS Program.

OTR ESCAPE and EVASION PLAN

This last week, OTR was informed that an Escape and Evasion Plan prepared for use in [REDACTED] operations will be used by the field officer responsible for [REDACTED] as a basis for their own planning. The plan reflected the doctrine and techniques presented by OTR in E&E training.

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